

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 19, 20 and 25-27 have been cancelled. Claims 14 and 28-32 have been amended. Claims 14-18, 21-24 and 28-33 are pending. Claims 28-33 are withdrawn. Claims 14-18 and 21-24 are under consideration.

On page 5 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicates that claims 20, 26 and 27 contain allowable subject matter. Claim 20 depended on claim 19, which in turn depended on independent claim 14. The limitations of both claims 19 and 20 have been incorporated into claim 14. As such, it is submitted that claim 14 is now in condition for allowance.

Claims 28-33 are withdrawn. However, these claims have also been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claims 19 and 20. It appears that claim 28 includes substantially all limitations of allowable amended claim 14. Applicants therefore respectfully request that claim 28 be reintroduced and allowed.

Based at least on the Examiners indication of allowability, it is submitted that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

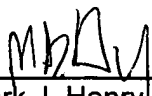
Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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